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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/12/08	01/05/08
Broiler/fryer	175,526	136,470
Light hens	1,572	1,072
Heavy hens	1,552	1,088

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

	WEEK	ENDING 22-Dec-07 (THOUSAND	HEAD)
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	375	0	375
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	313	12	325
Same week yr ago	230	0	230
To-date/2007	13,534	58	13,592
To-date/2006	7,974	53	8,027

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,850	1,570	3,420
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,854	1,455	3,309
Same week yr ago	1,377	1,531	2,908
To-date/2007	70,518	74,871	145,389
To-date/2006	62,640	76,011	138,651

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	136,027	1,105	1,123	2,228
Avg Wt	5.59	3.22	7.96	5.61
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	123,442	767	973	1,740
Same wk yr ago	134,317	886	1,326	2,212
Avg Wt	5.48	3.23	7.95	6.06
To-date/2008	136,027	1,105	1,123	2,228
To-date/2007	134,317	886	1,326	2,212

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 157.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 137.7 million head, or 19.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-07

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
	4.25 lbs	4.26 -	6.26 -	7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total
Head	33,605	68,778	18,202	15,442	136,027
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.46	6.94	8.32	5.59
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Last week	30,591	63,250	15,747	13,854	123,442
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.40	6.92	8.38	5.52
% of total /1	25%	51%	13%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,209	69,455	18,285	11,368	134,317
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.41	7.01	8.42	5.48
% of total /1	26%	52%	14%	8%	100%
To date/2008	33,605	68,778	18,202	15,442	136,027
To date/2007	35,209	69,455	18,285	11,368	134,317

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Jan-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,369	2,282	DREEDERS	1	3,659
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Avg Wt	16.74	40.28	26.22	62.33	31.45
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,416	1,890	8	0	3,314
Same wk yr ago	1,476	2,158	8	2	3,644
Avg Wt	15.93	38.83	24.90	43.91	29.53
To-date/2008	1,369	2,282	7	1	3,659
To-date/2007	1,476	2,158	8	2	3,644

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.